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RUSSIAN SPIES

INCREASED FIGILANCE KEPT OFER NIBILISTS IN THIS CITY.

Detectives Here Looking Out for the Nafety of the Canr During the Coronation Ceremontes-An American Woman's Arrest in Russia-The Nihillsto' New Programme-Growth of Nihillem Among the Laboring Classes in Russia-It Is Synonymous with the Labor Movement.

The Russian Nihilists of this city say that there has been a sudden increase in the vigilance maintained over their colony here on the part of the Czar's spies. The secret service of the Russian Government has, they say, always kept track of their movements and doings, but never has the watch been so careful and active as it has become of late, in view of the coming coronation festivities in Moscow. The Nihilists say that such vigi- The lance is unnecessary. The conspiracies directed against the life of the Czar, or his offclais, which were characteristic of the Nihiltet movement of former years, have, they aver, been relegated to history, while the new sort of Nihilism, in which they are interested, is simply a Russian version of German Social Democracy. All that these young men and women for the most part tormer stu-dents of the Russian colleges profess to do is to collect funds for the publication of Socialist literature, which is printed in Switzerland to be smuggled across the Russian frontier for circulation among the working people of the factory towns. For the rest, they look upon this country as their home, and regard them-selves as good and law-abiding citizens. In American polities they follow the Socialist-

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meetings showed an assemblaze free from
any trace of the popular idea of the Nhillist's
appearance, and, barring the language and
facial type of the speakers and their addence,
offered no point of difference from an orderly
gathering of American workmen. As to the
speeches, portions of which were translated
for the writer, they dealt with the conomic
conditions of Russia from the Marzian neint
of view. The participants in the discussion
evineed a close familiarity with the writings
of Adam Smith, Ricario, Jevons, and the
Austrian school of economics. The theoretical discussion was followed by the transaction of business, the main subject of the
deliberations being a proagetive entertainment
for the benefit of the procaganda fund.

After the meeting broke up some of the
members lingered in the hall to chat. The pretailing topic was the istest experiences of some
of their number with an American detective
bursau, whose services were said to have been
enlisted by the Czar's secret police. Recent issues of the New York Arbeiter Zeitung, the Socialist organ of the liebrew immirrants from
Russia, rontained an advertisement offering a
good salary to young men having a perfect
command of Russian and English. The adverisement naturally attracted a considerable
rome of Russian withilities in search of employment. When they called at the given
draws they learned that the services expected
of them consisted in doing detective work
among the political refusees residing in this
city. The man who received the applicants,
one at a time, was in no burry to disclose the
nature of the employment he had to offer.
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the offered attaination for the purpose of playing
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"But let them watch away! Much will they find out! Your American detectives may be sharper than our spies, but they don't know beans about Russian politicals. We know several rogues from our own country who are paid for mingling among us and reporting our doings to the Russian authorities, and the whole thing only affords us amusement, while the Czar's Government gets nothing but bogus

reports for its money.
"You see some of us have been through the mill at home, and know how to elude the watchfulness of such a clever and experienced lot as the gendarmes and political spice of St. Petersburg or Moscow, to whom the untrained spotters employed by the Russian Government here cannot hold a candle. In point of fact, there is hardly anything for a spy to detect about us. We have almost nothing to hide As you see, our proceedings are open to the public, and anybody is welcome to our meetings. And what little there is to keep to our selves we know how to take care of. So tha the secret agents of the Russian Government have no sensational facts to give their employers for their money's worth. However, as truthful reports would thus result in material reduction of their force and of their bills of expenses, these fellows fill up their accounts with all sorts of ghost stories."

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The young woman, who refused any information about herself beyond the fact that she was a graduate of a Russian normal college and was now working at shirt making with the oberished bope of entering some day the Women's Medical College of this city, then volunteered to relate the following incident as illustrative of the sharp eye which the St. Petersburg authorities keep upon the Russian colonies of this country. An educated American woman named Elizabeth H. Thomas, of Union Springs, N. Y., who was interested in Russian literature, met and cultivated the acquaintance of several Russian revolutionists of this city. She was a frequent vicitor at their houses, and thus learned to speak their language. Her interest in their tongue and countrymen kept growing until finally, last fall, she went to see the land of Toistol and Turgeneff for herself.

After an unmolested solourn of five months, during which she visited Count Toistol and other celebrities, she started on her homeward voyage, when, upon reaching the German frontier at Vershblovo, she was suidenly arrested by Russian gendarmes and kept in prison for two days. While she was thus detained, a special official arrived from St. Petersburg, who subjected her to the sharpest kind of examination as to the Russian Nhillsts of her acquaintance in New York, naming Debagory-Mokrievitch, a runaway from a Siberian prison; Goldenberg, the present manager of the Stepniak Free Russia Find in London, and several other political emigrants well known to the secret department of St. Petersburg. Miss Thomas admitted her acquaintance with all these persons, but succeeded in establishing the legitimate character of her visit, and through the interference of the American Minister at St. Fetersburg, and after a good deal of anxiety and trouble, was released and allowed to continue her journey, not until she had signed a piece never to records th

party at an early age, when the movement was at the height of its terroristic stage, and was an enthusiastic and active member of a group of conspirators until one day he was forced to flee for his life to Switzerland that harbor of refuge of the Nihilist world. There he studied medicine at the University of Zurich, and, having been graduated, served for some three years on the staff of a Swiss hospital.

Meanwhile, Russian nihilism had undergone a radical change. The backbone of the Norodonya Volue (Will of the People) party, which was responsible for what Dr. Ingermann insists upon terming the execution of Alexander II., was broken, and the fruitlessness of its mode of warfare as well as the overwhelming decimation of the Nihilist ranks which it involved, opened the eyes of the few survivals to the necessity of submitting the old programme to a thorough revision. A split then occurred, one portion favoring a siight modification of the Narodonya Volganitation, while another completely cut loose from the old moorings to form the new organization of Russian Social Democrats.

The former were headed by the well-known Peter Lavroff of Paris, the Mazzini of Young Russia, who was once a professor at the millitary academy of St. Petersburg and is celebrated at home for his works on philosophy as well as for his daring escape from citle, and Lyoff Tikhomiroff, one of the foremost leaders of the Narodo Voltzy in their paimlest days. The Social Democrats, on the other hand, followed the lead of George Pickhanoff, once the editor of the underground paper Zemiat Volin Cland and Liberty, the celebrated Vera Sassulch, who, in 1878, shot at Gen. Trepoff and was subsequently discharged by a St. Petersburg jury, and Pavel Axeirod, another man of note in Nihilist circles.

The nucleus of the new movement was formed in 1886, Soon after the Nihilist world was shocked to hear that Lyoff Tikhomiroff, for a long time all but the autocrat of the terrorists, who had been connected with the various attempts upon the life of Alexander I

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This week-7% cents !

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This week-8% cents ! FANCU FRENCH LAWNS miso Batistes—white and tinted-more than a hundred styles—worth 1914 and 15

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Not in many months has there been

Sensational Sale

Fancy Wool Challies

At 8 1-2 Cents! No matter what you buy in Dress Goods or wha you pay, there is nothing at any price can surpass these light, cool fabrics for Summer wear!

60 styles-choice of any-8% cents! THIS WEEK ALSO All Wool Summer Cheviots in Tan and mixtures; All Wool Tailor Cloths—summer weight—50 inch. Pretty Fancy Plaids, strictly all wool;

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Fancy Lawn Wrappers in stripes
figures and Dreeden designs—fancy
yokes with emb'y trim—deep ouffs—
This week 1.191

Fancy Stripe Linen and Lawn Wrapperswatteau back-full bishop sieevessome trim'd with lace-This week 1.491

Fine Grass Linen Wrappers yoke trim'd with linen emb'yshoulder epaulets-watteau back-This week 1.981

White French Lawn Wrappersdeep sailor collar with lace insertings and ruffe—bishop sleeves—turn over cuffs This week 2.98!

arge assortment of one and two piece House Dresses for Maids and Waitresses Percale, Cambric, Lawn and Linen-... 98 to 3.98 plain and fancy Wool Cashmere Teagowns—all colors—

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